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November 22, 2019

Mr. Jerry L. Ashley

Greenwood SC

Dear Mr. Ashley,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer

From: Jerry L. Ashley

Greenwood, SC

To: Executive Director
The Public Service Commission
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Date: 11-19-19

Subject: Blue Granite Water Company-Request for a rate increase for
sewer service—Residential

Reference: Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Please do not approve this rate increase.

Please help the residents of Highland Forest Sub-Division in Greenwood, SC to stop this rate increase. Blue Granite Water Company is already charging too much for sewer service and your attention to this problem is needed. Blue Granite Water Company should be trying to find ways to reduce the cost to customers.

The current rate charged by Blue Granite Water Company for Sewer Service is \$65.08 per month. This current rate paid to Blue Granite Water Company much higher (About \$24 more a month) than the rate paid by other Greenwood residents to the local sewer service provider.

The proposed requested new rate is \$101.30.

The rate increase requested is an extra \$36.22 per month.

This is a requested rate increase of **55.65%**.

This amount of rate increase is not fair to the customers.

The State should conduct an audit of Blue Granite Water Company Inc.

The State should check out the sewer system in Greenwood SC.

The current rate charged for sewer service is 2.10 times higher than my current water bill. Could the State consider having a local sewer provider taking over this service for the Greenwood SC residents?

Or could the State provide this sewer service for us? Something

need to be done to stop this high cost sewer service to SC residents.

This proposed rate is 3.26 times higher than my water bill. This is not fair.

Thanks for your concern about this problem,

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